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PROVERBS.

Proverb.

EVery Tradeſman knows his own ware beſt.

Croſs.

Not if his female deceive him.

P. Moſt haſt worſt ſpeed.

C. Not in the haſt but lack of heed.

P. He that hath his eyes in his head will look about him.

C. Not ſo, he may be blindfold, and then he cannot.

P. Wanton Kiſſes are the keys of ſin.

C. Not except the Devil keep the locks.

P. Pride is the greateſt deſpoiling of a Kingdom.

C. Not ſo, a plague if it continue may be greater.

P. Give give is a good fellow.

C. Not ſo, he is a churl that hath no charity.

P. Love is the peace of the ſenſes.

C. Not where it is joyned with jealouſie.

P. Witty women are ſweet companions.

C. Not but when they are pleaſed, for elſe they are froward.

P. Crabbed minds are pleaſed with nothing.

C. Not so, for nothing can give no pleasure.
P. Kind hearts are soonest wronged.
C. Not if they be careful.
P. There is no tree but beareth fruit.
C. Yes the Cycamour.
P. High waies are lawful for travellers.
C. Not if they meet with thieves.
P. The greatest sort of fish keep the bottom.
C. Not so, for small Eels keep the mud.
P. Too much of any thing is good for nothing.
C. Not so, what is good, is good for something.
P. Wishers and woulders, are never good housholders.
C. Not so, for a man may both wish well and do well.
P. Taking of Bribes is private thievery.
C. Not so, then there would be many hanged.
P. True tears of age are lamentable.
C. Not from sore eyes.
P. *A* merry companion is a wagon in the way.
C. Not so, for if your journey be long you may be weary for want of carriage.
P. He is a foul Fisher that angles for a Frogg.
C. Not so, for he may be a bait for a better fish.
P. When thieves fall out, true men come by their goods.
C. Not so, thieves may be hanged, and true men never the better.
P. *All* offices are places of esteem.
C. Not so, not the Hangmans.

P. There

P. There is nothing so sure as death.
C. Yes, life to the faithfull.
P. Newes are like fish.
C. Not so, for then they would stink when they are stale.
P. The Mistris eye makes the Capon fat.
C Not so, it is the good cramming of him.
P. Marriage is honourable.
C. Not when it is dishonoured.
P. Children are the comfort of their parents.
C Not if they prove ungracious.
P. No trust to a dry stick.
C. Yes, if it will burn well.
P. *A* light supper makes clean sheets.
C. Not so, he that is loose in the hilts may make work for the Landrcss.
P. Hasty spirits never want woe.
C. Yes, when they are pleased.
P. *As* the life is, so is the death.
C. Not so, for she that lives a whore may die a Bawd.
P. Neat apparel graceth a man.
C. Not so, a neat man graceth his apparel.
P. Kindness deserves Love.
C. Not if it be common.
P. Poor vertue lies as dead.
C. Not in the eye of honour.
P. Covetousness corrupteth wealth.
C. *A* noble mind is ever it self.
P. *A* fair woman is the trouble of wisdom.

C. Not ſo, ſhe is the treaſure of true wit.
P. Haſty climbers have ſudden falls.
C. Not if they ſit faſt.
P. When the belly is full, the bones would be at reſt.
C. No, it is the ſpirit, and not the bones, for they have no power of deſire.
P. Try and then truſt.
C. Not ſo, for he that is kind to day may be croſs to morrow.
P. Whenſoever you ſee your friend, truſt to your ſelf.
C. Not ſo, when you cannot help your ſelf without your friend.
P. There is none ſo faithleſs as an Heretick.
C. Yes, an Hypocrite.
P. He is a fond Chapman that comes after the Fair.
C. Not ſo, he may happen to buy better cheap in the Markets.
P. There is time allowed for all things.
C. Not to do evil.
P. Honour is the reward of vertue.
C. Not but where it is rightly given.
P. Sweet meat muſt have ſowr ſauce.
C. Not ſo, a good ſtomach needs it not.
P. When Sunday comes, it will be holy-day.
C. Not with Carriers, for they travel all the week.
P. A coward is fearful, without hurt.

C. Not so, fear it self is full of hurt.
P. Poverty is the purgatory of reason.
C. Not so, it is the tryal of patience.
P. He is wise that is rich.
C. Not so, he is rich that is wise.
P. No misery to imprisonment.
C. An unquiet wife.
P. The night is the time of rest for all creatures.
C. Not so, Gamesters play night and day.
P. Learning is the labour of the brain.
C. Not so, it is rather of the Spirit.
P. Nothing so necessary for Travellers as Learning.
C. Money.

FINIS.

Certain Brief

Queſtions and *Anſwers.*

Queſtion.

WHat is the beſt kind of Government?
A. Peace.
Q. what is moſt dangerous in a Kingdom?
A. That which is moſt to be feared.
Q. what is moſt troubleſome in a Kingdom?
A. Sectaries.
Q. what quarrel breeds the beſt war?
A. Religion.
Q. what moſt diſpleaſeth God.
A. Idolatry.
Q. which is the beſt way to travel?
A. Towards Heaven.
Q. who is the beſt King that ever was?
A. *David*, for he was choſen to Gods own heart.
Q. who was the greateſt Conquerer that ever was?
A. *Jeſus Chriſt*, when he conquered *Sin*, *Death*, and *Hell*.
Q. who was the greateſt fool that ever was?
A. *Adam*, when he had loſt *Paradiſe* for an apple.
Q. who had the greateſt fall that ever was?
A. *Lucifer*, when he fell from Heaven to Hell.

Q. who

Q. who was the beſt wraſtler that ever was?
A. *Jacob*, when he wraſtled with the *Angel*.
Q. who was the wiſeſt *Queen* that ever was?
A The *Queen* of *Sheba* that came to *Solomon* for wiſdom.
Q. who was the fooliſheſt King that ever was?
A. *Pharaoh* when he oppoſed himſelf againſt God.
Q. who was the arranteſt Traytor that ever was?
A. *Judas* when he betrayed his Maſter Chriſt Jeſus.
Q. what is the beſt learning in the world?
A. Truth.
Q. what is the greateſt wealth in the world?
A. Content.
Q. what is the greateſt joy in the world?
A. A clear Conſcience.
Q what is the greateſt vertue in the world?
A. Patience.
Q. what is the greateſt bleſſing to nature?
A. Health.
Q. what is the greateſt grief in the world?
A. want.
Q. who was the ſtouteſt woman that ever was?
A. *Judith* when ſhe cut off *Holofernes* head.
Q who was the firſt mad man that we read of
A. *Saul* when he killed himſelf.
Q. who was the moſt unnatural man that ever was?
A. *Cain* when he ſlew his brother *Abel*.

Q. when

Q. When was *Noah* laid naked?
A. When he was drunk.
Q when did *Lot* commit inceſt?
A. When he was drunk.
Q When was *Sampſon* overthrown?
A. When he was aſleep.
Q When was *Solomon* led to Idolatry?
A. When he followed ſtrange women.
Q. when began the curſe of the Jews?
A. when they fell to Idolatry.
Q. what ſtate is moſt quiet?
A. The mean.
Q. what actions are moſt honourable?
A. The Vertuous.
Q. what ſtudy is moſt Profitable?
A. The Law.
Q what muſick is the ſweeteſt?
A The voice.
Q. where is the beſt being in the world?
A. where a man likes beſt.
Q what is the hindrance of content?
A. Variety.
Q. what is the ſubſtance of all earthly creatures?
A. Vanity.
Q. what is the comfort of a blind man?
A. That he ſhall ſee no vanities.
Q what is the comfort of a deaf man?
A. that he ſhall hear no villanies.
Q. what comforteth a lame man?
A. That he ſhall not be ſent on haſty errands.

A. That he ſhall not be called in queſtion for his tongue.

Q. What is the comfort of age?

A. That he hath paſt the perils of his youth.

Q. What ſhould be the care of youth?

A. To give honour to age.

Q. Why do women weep more than men?

A. Becauſe they cannot have their wills to govern.

Q. what is the eaſieſt life?

A. A Paraſite that feeds upon every mans trencher.

Q. what life is moſt labourſome?

A. Study, for it ſpends the ſpirits, and weakens the body.

Q. who is the beſt companion in the world?

A. A Library, where a man talks without offence.

Q. And where is the worſt Company?

A. In a Jayle, where there are few gracious.

Q. what is the beſt art in the world?

A. To gather wealth without wickedneſs.

Q. And which is the worſt art that ever was?

A. The black art, for it brings the Student to hell.

Q. How doth eaſe breed the gout?

A. By lack of motion in the members.

Q. what is the beſt meat in the world?

A. that which agreeth beſt with the ſtomach.

Q. And what is the beſt drink?

A. That which breeds the beſt blood.

Q. [illegible] is the beſt exerciſe?

A. The moderate.
Q. what ware is the cheapeſt?
A. That which is had for thanks.
Q. what Country is moſt fruitful?
A. where there is beſt ground.
Q. when is it beſt to take Phyſick?
A. In time of ſickneſs.
Q. when is it beſt to make meals?
A. when the ſtomach is empty.
Q. what ſawce is beſt?
A. Hunger.
Q. what fiſh is beſt?
A. That which is new taken.
Q. which is the beſt Leſſon to thrive?
A. To have much, to ſpend little, and to give nothing.
Q. what is the plaiſter for all ſores?
A. Patience.
Q. what is a remedy for all diſeaſes?
A. Death.
Q. what is the Miſers Muſick?
A. Chinking of money.
Q. what is the honour of a man?
A. To be his words-maſter.
Q. what is a true ſign of a fool?
A. To be ever laughing.
Q. what is good for the tooth-ach?
A. Pull it out.
Q. what is good for the heart-ach?
A. Patience.

Q. what is good for the Itch?
A. Scratching.
Q. what is the worst worm in the world?
A. The worm of conscience.
Q what is most necessary in a Kingdom?
A. Money.
Q. what is most unnecessary?
A. Cards and Dice.
Q. what trade is the best in a City?
A. That which is most gainful.
Q. what is most to be feared?
A. That which is most hurtful.
Q. when is the best letting blood?
A. In a Pleurisie.
Q. what is the dearest herb in the world?
A. Tobacco.
Q what is the best wood in the world?
A. *Lignum vitæ*.
Q. what is the worst wood in the world?
A. The Gallows.
Q. what is good for the head-ach?
A. Sleep.
Q. when is the best travelling?
A. In fair weather.
Q. what is the fruit of melancholy?
A. Madness.
Q what is the fruit of envy?
A. Murder.
Q. what is the fruit of Murder?
A. Hell.

Q. Whom do young men love most?
A. Fair wenches.
Q. What is the delight of old men?
A. Fair buildings.
Q. What is good for a bald head?
A. A periwig.
Q. What is good for a weak sight?
A. Spectacles.
Q. Where is the best living in the world?
A. Amongst quiet people.
Q. Where is most dangerous travelling?
A. At Sea.
Q. When is it worst travelling?
A. When a man is without money.
Q. What is the best fruit in the world?
A. The fruit of faith.
Q. What is that which is good for any thing?
A. Nothing.
Q. Whose is the longest nose in the world?
A. His that hangeth over every mans land.
Q. What is the most beloved in the world?
A. Money.
Q. What is the hardest to be found in the world?
A. Truth.
Q. what he is most unsavoury in the world?
A. Chamber-lye.
Q. What is most distastful in the world?
A. Lying.
Q. What sound is pleasant to all?
A. A knell.

Q. What

Queſtions and *Anſwers.*

Q. What is moſt hurtful to the eye-ſight?
A. Smoak.
Q. what moſt grieveth an old man?
A. a wicked child.
Q. What moſt tormenteth a young man?
A. an unquiet wife.
Q. What moſt troubles a rich man?
A. Borrowers.
Q. What moſt vexeth a wiſe man?
A. To be troubled with a fool.
Q. What moſt troubles a begger?
A. A Louſe.
Q. What is ill to meet in a morning?
A. An ill favoured man.
Q. What is moſt irkſome to a neat woman?
A. To be married to a beaſtly fellow.
Q. What is moſt unwholſome in a morning?
A. Stinking breath.
Q. What is moſt hurtfull to bed-ward?
A. A filthy bedfellow.
Q. what maketh Monſters of men and women?
A. Pride in apparel.
Q. what is the world?
A. A Map of objects.
Q. what is life?
A. Blaſt of breath.
Q. who are as gray-headed as old men?
A. Young men when they powder their hair.
Q. what women ſo fair of colour as Ladies?
A. Whores that paint their faces.

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